

SITUATION REPORT NO. 11
INCIDENT NO. 97-001
DATE: October 2, 1997 TIME: 12:00 p.m.

TO: Governor Edward T. Schafer
State Capitol
Bismarck, ND 58505

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: Flood - Devils Lake.
2. DEATH AND INJURIES: No change from previous reports.
3. DAMAGE: The level of Devils Lake at Creel Bay is currently declining. The level was 1,442.48 feet on October 2. The peak mean daily elevation for 1997 was 1442.97 MSL on July 26-27.
4. RESOURCES COMMITTED:

LOCAL: No change from previous reports.

STATE: No change from previous reports.

FEDERAL: No change from previous reports.
5. VOLUNTEER ACTIONS: No change from previous reports.
6. MAJOR ACTIONS: A bill that will provide \$5 million to construct an outlet to Devils Lake has received approval by the U.S. House and Senate. The bill awaits the signature of the President. The \$5 million will be used to start construction of an outlet on Devils Lake's western end. The outlet is to drain water from the lake, which has risen 20 feet during the past four years.

On September 10, 1997, Governor Schafer has requested technical and material assistance from the St. Paul District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for the City of Minnewaukan due to rising Devils Lake floodwaters that are threatening the city.

A State Flood Coordination Center meeting was held in Devils Lake on September 25, 1997. Following is a summary of information reported during that meeting:

N.D. Game and Fish Department

The N.D. Game and Fish Department spent a total of \$198,690 in 1997 on five boating access sites on Devils Lake. Of that amount, \$168,690, or 84 percent, was taken from the Game and Fish Department's budget.

N.D. National Guard

The National Guard is assisting the City of Devils Lake Public Works Department with lifting a storm sewer pump at the lift station on the south side of U.S. Highway 2 between Wal-Mart and the Ford dealership.

National Guard personnel plan to maintain vehicle access to Camp Grafton's main entrance located along N.D. Highway 20, although the entrance will be at a lower elevation once construction has been completed on the highway.

N.D. State Water Commission (SWC)

On September 11, the State Water Commission voted to extend Available Storage Acreage Program (ASAP) for another year. The cost of continuing the program will be \$1 million.

N.D. Department of Transportation (DOT)

Projects that have been completed or are nearing completion include U.S. Highway 281, south of Minnewaukan, N.D. Highway 20 at Mission Bay and N.D. Highway 19 at the Devils Lake airport. Each of the three sites has the full amount of aggregate base and the asphalt prime coat.

The DOT is currently developing plans to rehabilitate the Woods-Rutten Road. The goal is to return the road to its original condition before winter.

The N.D. Highway 20 Narrows crossing has been reopened to traffic for limited hours each day. Whenever the contractor is working, the highway is opened from 7-9 a.m. and 4-6 p.m. When there is no work going on, the highway is opened during daylight hours only. The highway is closed at night because of safety considerations.

Updates on projects are as follows:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>Completion</u>
N.D. Hwy. 57/Acorn Ridge area	\$3.2 million	63.7 percent
N.D. Hwy. 57, by the Casino	\$1.4 million	75.4 percent
N.D. Hwy. 57, 2 mi. south of N.D. Hwy. 20	\$1.6 million	99.7 percent
N.D. Hwy. 57 at Fort Totten Bay	\$2.4 million	81.1 percent
N.D. Hwy. 20 at the junction of N.D. Hwy. 57	\$1.9 million	89.6 percent
N.D. Hwy. 20/Mission Bay area	\$1.5 million	99.8 percent
N.D. Hwy. 20/Black Tiger Bay area	\$1.9 million	99.6 percent
U.S. Hwy. 281, near junction N.D. Hwy. 19	\$2.5 million	95.0 percent
N.D. Hwy. 19, near junction U.S. Hwy. 281	\$1.0 million	76.5 percent
U.S. Hwy. 281, north of Minnewaukan	\$3.6 million	91.7 percent
U.S. Hwy. 281, south of Minnewaukan	\$1.1 million	94.9 percent
N.D. Hwy. 19, west of Devils Lake Airport	\$433,000	93.1 percent
N.D. Hwy. 19, 4 miles east of junction U.S. Hwy. 281	\$421,000	54 percent
N.D. Hwy. 19, 6 miles east of junction U.S. Hwy. 281	\$398,000	31.5 percent
N.D. Hwy. 1 at Stump Lake	\$356,000	100 percent
N.D. Hwy. 19, Six Mile Bay area	\$2 million	90 percent
N.D. Hwy. 19, Mauvais Coulee area	\$1.5 million	100 percent

Design work is continuing on the proposed bridge at the N.D. Highway 57 Crossing. Sounding work on the lake bottom is nearly complete, and three test piles will be driven this week. This project has been moved from the February 1998 bid letting to April 1998 to allow more time for plan completion and environmental studies. A formal public hearing on the project will be held at the Camp Grafton Armory at 7:00 p.m. October 14.

Indian Health Service (IHS)

The St. Michael's lagoon riprap project has been completed. The final inspection for the \$124,800 project was held on September 22.

The Indian Health Service officials received emergency funds, which will cover: access roads for community lagoons and lift stations; reimbursement for the Housing Authority for flood-relocated homes for individual wells, septic tanks; and drainfields that were installed; and,

Provisions for sewer cleaning equipment have been made to assist the Spirit Lake Nation in maintaining sewer lines where surface drainage and foreign matter gained access to the sewer system, causing blockages and lift station problems.

Spirit Lake Nation

Don Morgan was recently selected by the Spirit Lake Tribe as its representative for emergency management activities. Frank Black Cloud is his assistant. They plan to work with the residents of the Spirit Lake Tribe and conduct a survey on the roads and homes that were impacted by the recent flood disaster.

North Central Planning Council (NCPC)

The NCPC continues to work with the City of Devils Lake and Ramsey County on four HUD projects, all concerning the permanent lake level protection for the city of Devils Lake. They are as follows:

1996 Disaster Allocation	\$249,000.00
1997 Regular Program	\$100,000.00
1997 HUD Supplemental (Federal)	\$7,000,000.00
1997 HUD Supplemental (State)	\$2,000,000.00

NCPC received approval of a \$323,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to match the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers funds to repair and reroute sewer lines. The project is currently in the comment period for the Environmental Review.

NCPC received approval for a recapitalization of a revolving loan fund from Economic Development Administration in the amount of \$533,000. These funds will be used to assist businesses negatively affected by the recent disaster events.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)

Redesign work continues on plans for the lake level protection system for the city of Devils Lake. Work that had been in progress on Stage One has been completed. Representatives of the USACE and the contractor are working on design changes to raise the levee's top elevation from 1,450 feet as called for in the original plan to 1,457 feet. The disaster supplemental bill passed by the U.S. Congress allowed for the levee to be constructed to 1,450 feet with up to seven feet of freeboard. Contractors for Stage Two of the project are awaiting final specifications. Stage One includes levee raises from N.D. Highway 19 to Ramsey County Road #1, while Stage Two encompasses improvements from N.D. Highway 20 to U.S. Highway 2.

The USACE is developing plans and specifications for repair work to inundated sewer lines owned by Ramsey County Rural Utility System. Rerouting of lift stations and systems are under evaluation. Once plans are completed, construction could begin with a targeted completion date of fall, 1997.

The USACE will meet with the officials of the City of Minnewaukan, the State Water Commission, and the Division of Emergency Management on October 10 at 9:30 a.m. to discuss flood protection planning for the city.

Ramsey County Emergency Management

Nearly \$15 million dollars has been paid out under the National Flood Insurance Program since the waiver was instituted in 1996.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: No change from previous reports.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: No change from previous reports
9. OTHER INFORMATION: The next State Flood Coordination Center meeting is scheduled for a 1:30 p.m. at the Ramsey County Courthouse basement meeting room on October 23, 1997.

The N.D. Division of Emergency Management's Situation Reports is posted on the Division's Internet home page. The address is: <http://www.state.nd.us/dem>.

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